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INFO AMEMBASSY KABUL

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SUBJ: NARCOTICS: SEARCH FOR PAK AND AFGHAN OPIUM

BY US COMPANY

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1. MALCOLM MCDONALD, MANAGING DIRECTOR RAFHAN MAIZE PRODUCTS , SUBSIDIARY OF CPC INTERNATIONAL OF CHICAGO, INFORMED EMBOFF JUNE 20 THAT HE HAD BEEN REQUESTED BY S. BM PENNICK CO., PHARMACEUTICAL FIRM WHICH IS ALSO SUBSIDIARY OF CPC, TO TRY TO LINE UP COMMERCIAL SALES OF OPIUM FROM AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN. MCDONALD STATED THAT HE HAD RECENTLY RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM PAKISTANI BUSINESS CONTACT (WHOM HE DID NOT IDENTIFY) THAT 10 TONS OF OPIUM COULD BE OBTAINED IN AFGHANISTAN AND CONVEYED TO PESHAWAR FOR ONWARD TRANSPORT TO KARACHI AND U. S.
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CONTACT SAID HE WAS PREPARED TO QUOTE PRICE " FREE ON RAIL" IN PESHAWAR, PROVIDED GUARANTEE COULD BE OBTAINED FROM GOP THAT THERE WOULD BE NO OBJECTION TO TRANSIT OF OPIUM THROUGH PAKISTAN FOR ONWARD SHIPMENT TO U. S. MCDONALD CLAIMED THAT HE HAD STRESSED TO CONTACT THAT OPIUM WOULD HAVE TO BE OBTAINED LEGALLY.

2. EMBOFF REFERRED TO PREVIOUS CONVERSATION WITH MCDONALD (SEE SOBER- MCDONALD MEMCON MAY 7) WHEN LATTER HAD INQUIRED ABOUT POSSIBLE SOURCES OF OPIUM FOR S. B. PENNICK. EMBOFF RECALLED THAT HE HAD INFORMED MCDONALD AT THAT TIME THAT UNDER TERMS OF SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN WERE NOT PERMITTED TO EXPORT OPIUM EXCEPT THAT SEIZED IN ILLICIT TRAFFIC AS PROVIDED UNDER ARTICLE 24 AND HAD URGED THAT HE CONTACT GOP OPIUM WORKS IN LAHRE REGARDING AVAILABILITY OF SEIZED OPIUM. EMBOFF STATED THAT IT SEEMED HIGHLY DOUBTFUL THAT OPIUM REFERRED TO BY MCDONALD'S CONTACT FELL INTO THAT CATEGORY. EMBOFF NOTED THAT EMBASSY HAD RECENTLY REQUESTED NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD (NCB) TO INFORM EMBASSY OF AMOUNT OF SEIZED OPIUM AVAILABLE FOR SALE AND GOP OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE SALES WITH US MANUFACTURERS, BUT HAD NOT YET RECEIVED REPLY. MCDONALD WAS ADVISED TO TAKE UP QUESTION OF SALES OF SEIZED OPIUM WITH NCB. IT WAS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT HE CONTACT AMEMBASSY KABUL FOR INFORMATION ON POSSIBILITIES OF OBTAINING SEIZED OPIUM IN AFGHANISTAN. SOBER

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